

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 8-10 and 13-15 are allowable.

By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, and 12 have been amended, and claim 8 has been canceled. Claims 1-7 and 9-15 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 8. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 should be allowable, as well as claims 2-7, 9, and 11-12 that depend from claim 1.

As noted above, claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 10. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 10 should be allowable.

As noted above, it is acknowledged with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-15 are allowable without amendment.

§102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable by Hermann et al. (U.S. Patent 4,885,803; hereafter referred to as "Hermann"). As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and so claim 1

should be allowable, as well as claims 2-7, 9, and 11-12 that depend from claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Hermann, as relied upon by the Examiner, does not disclose or suggest claims 1-6 and 11-12.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-6 and 11-12 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the teachings of Hermann as relied upon by the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6 and 11-12 based upon 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermann in view of Kimura (U.S. Patent 5,226,090; hereafter referred to as "Kimura"). As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and so claim 1 should be allowable, as well as claims 2-7, 9, and 11-12 that depend from claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Hermann and Kimura, as relied upon by the Examiner, does not disclose or suggest claim 7.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claim 7 is not anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the teachings of Hermann and Kimura as relied upon by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claim 7 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-7 and 9-15 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

As shown below, claims 1, 9, 10, and 12 have been rewritten, and claim 8 has been canceled.

Claims 1, 9, 10, and 12 have been rewritten as follows:

--1. (Amended) An information signal transmission system comprising a first device and a second device connected in a network for providing a predetermined information signal through the first and second devices, and

recipient detecting means for detecting a recipient of the information signal,

wherein the information signal that has been supplied to the recipient by the first device is continuously supplied to the recipient by the second device, based on the result detected by the recipient detecting means,

wherein in order to switch from the supply of a video signal by the first device to the supply of the video signal by the second device based on the result detected by the recipient detecting means, the supply of the video signal by the second devices starts after a predetermined duration of time during which the video signals are supplied by both the first and second devices.--

--9. (Amended) An information signal transmission system according to Claim 8~~1~~, wherein the information signal is constituted by a video signal, and information signal acquisition means holds an image, corresponding to the video signal, as a still image.--

--10. (Amended) An information signal transmission system comprising a first device and a second device connected in a network for providing a predetermined information signal through the first and second devices, and

recipient detecting means for detecting a recipient of the information signal,

wherein the information signal that has been supplied to the recipient by the first device is continuously supplied to the recipient by the second device, based on the result detected by the recipient detecting means.~~An information signal transmission system according to Claim 1,~~

wherein the information signal is constituted by a video signal, and the information signal transmission system switches from the supply of a video signal by the first device to the supply of a video signal by the second device based on the detected result given by the recipient detecting means, the supply of the video signal by the second device starts after a predetermined duration of time during which the supply of the video signals by both the first and second devices is suspended.--

--12. (Amended) An information signal transmission system according to Claim 1, further comprising a~~A remote control device of an information signal transmission system comprising a plurality of devices connected in a network for providing a predetermined information signal through the devices,~~ wherein the remote control device transmits a remote control signal to which is added an identification code identifying a the recipient of the information signal.--

Claim 8 has been canceled.

END AMENDMENT